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*A6(J)E—Gadsby-ar. Mueller—"He is risen"

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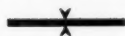
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Philip James—Novellette

G. 7p. me. Gray 75c. Everything here seems to depend upon

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Robin Milford—Easter Meditation 3

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Flor Peeters—Variations & Finale on Flemish Song

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Dr. Leo Sowerby—Sonatina

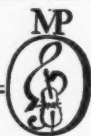
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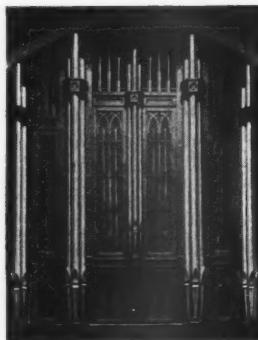
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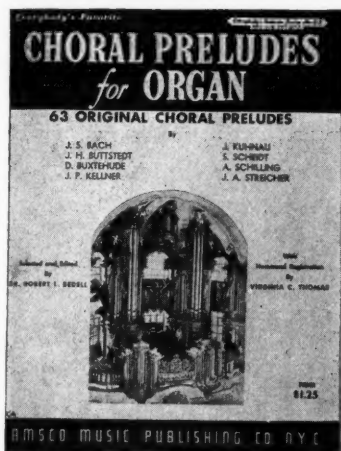
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posers are Bach, Buttstedt, Kellner, Scheidt, Schilling, Streicher; titles are given in German and English. Few of them are of more than average difficulty and all may be played on a 2m organ, and be played effectively if some thought is given to the registration—not trying to keep too close to the registration suggested. For example, Kellner's What God Does That is Well Done: few organs have a French Trumpet on the Swell, and 8' Flute and 2 2/3' Nasard on Great or choir; but the piece will not lose at all if you use an Oboe on the Swell and a soft flute on the Great. This excellent book should prove of special interest to Lutheran

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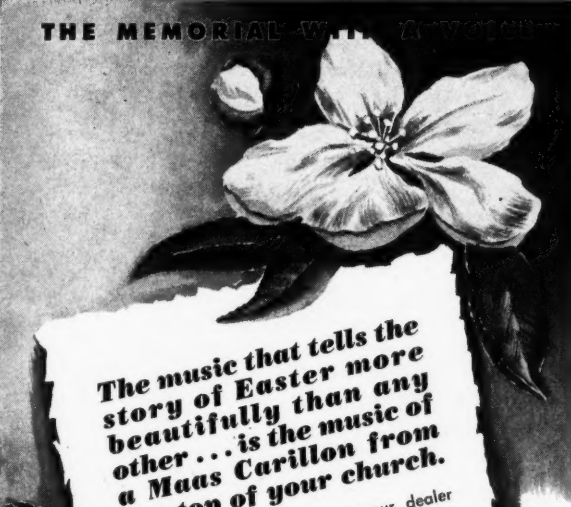
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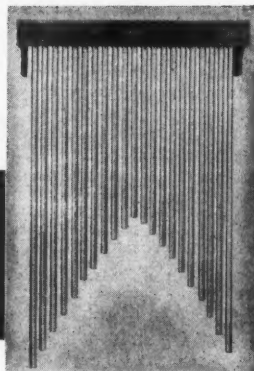
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John Klein—Berceuse

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Mills, 5 pages, moderately easy, 75c, one of the best short numbers Dr. Bedell has so far given us. A short introduction leads to a fine broad melody over a moving counterpoint that comes off nicely. A contrasting middle section brings us back to a repetition of the first part, and here I should certainly change my registration. Quite easy, it does not demand a lot of organ. By all means take a look at it.

Joseph Callaerts—Toccata

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J. Fischer & Bro., 27 pages, moderately easy, \$1.50, Bk. 7 of the *Anthologia Antiqua* series. It is a set of eight pieces from the Solemn Mass for Parish Use and the music is well worth playing. Mr. Bingham adds a most interesting foreword and gives the specification of the organ in the Church of St. Gervais, Paris, where Couperin was organist. This book should be in the hands of all young organ students. An historical recital can hardly be complete without something from this excellent Suite.

Bossi, Hendricks, Jongen, Tournemire—Idylle, Prelude & Fugue, Pastorale, Piece Symphonique—four pieces edited by Dr. Bedell and published separately by Mills, all on the dry academic side. Strange that a publisher will go to the expense of publishing such things instead of worthier works by American composers. I can only conclude that American organists buy only music by foreign composers. I like the Jongen and Hendricks pieces best, but I can name you fifty by Americans that knock them into a cocked hat.

Roland Diggle—Homage a Franck

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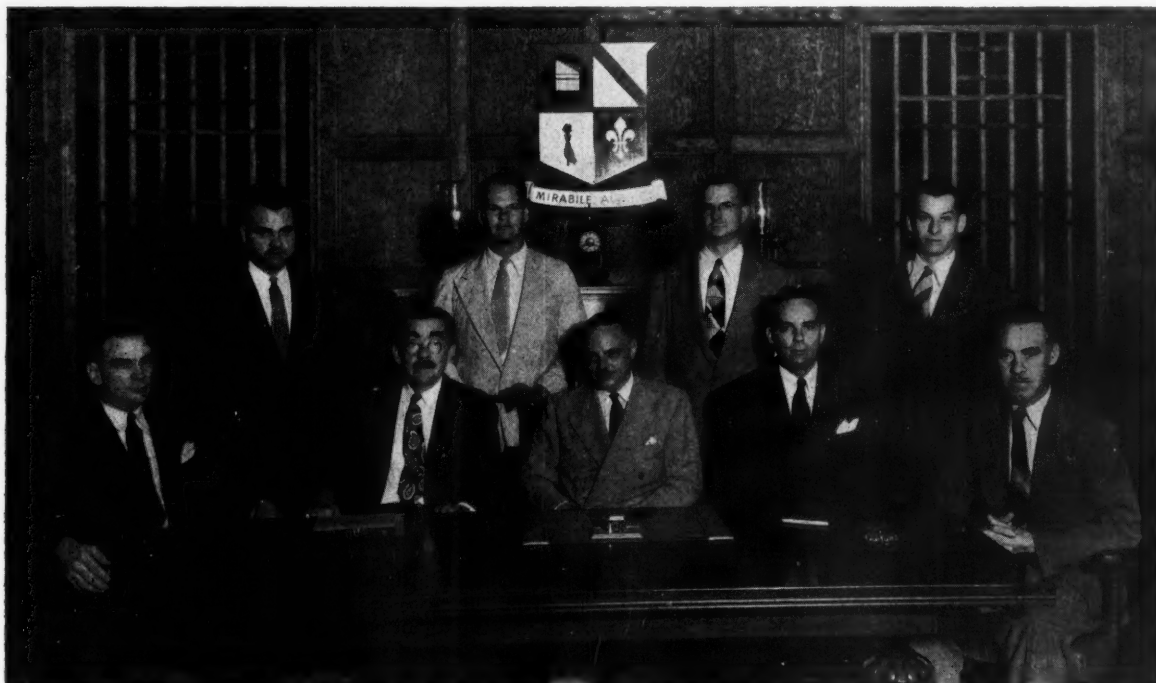
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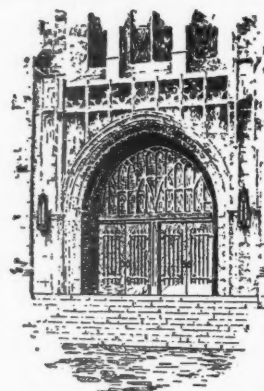
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J—Junior choir.

3—Three-part, etc.

4—Partly 4-part plus, etc.

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o, u.—Organ accompaniment, or unaccompanied.

e, d, m, v.—Easy, difficult, moderately, very.

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t—Tour of recitalist.

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c—Chorus.

d—Duet.

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j—Junior choir.

m—Men's voices.

off—Offertoire.

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r—Response.

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t—Tenor.

u—Unaccompanied.

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w—Women's voices.

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Mixtures--the Conclusion: Article 3

By the Hon. EMERSON RICHARDS

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AFTER the tierce came into use, many of the older continental organs had a two-rank mutation stop composed of a $2\frac{2}{3}'$ twelfth and $1\frac{3}{5}'$ tierce, called Sesquialtera from the word Sexta, since the ranks form a major sixth. Ranks run through unbroken. English builders, such as Father Smith, usually added a third rank, $2'$ fifteenth, and broke it in the form of a mixture. Harris usually started it at 19-22-24. When the two ranks were inverted to 17-19, the stop was called a Tertian, being a third instead of a sixth. As made by the English builders, the Sesquialtera was broken as was usual in the case of a mixture.

A Typical Father Smith in Temple Church

1-13: 17-19-22
14-25: 17-19-22
26-38: 15-17-19
39-44: 12-15-17
45- : 8-12-15

A Typical Harris in Doncaster

1-24: 19-22-24-26-29
25- : 8-12-15-17-19

Sesquialtera—Six Ranks

Roosevelt, a more modern example

1- 6: 15-17-19-22-26-29
7-18: 12-15-17-19-22-26
19-31: 8-12-15-17-19-22
32-61: 1- 8-12-15-17-19

Sesquialtera—Four Ranks

Designed by W. T. Best

1-13: 15-17-19-22
14-24: 17-19-22-26
25-35: 12-15-19-24
36-48: 5- 8-10-15
49-61: 1- 5- 8-10

In the Roosevelt example, the stop is virtually a Cornet from the middle of the keyboard up; in the Best example, after the upward jump in the second octave, the harmonic reinforcement descends rapidly to the $16'$ sub-foundation.

In modern French organs of the Cavaille-Coll type, the tierce is always introduced as a separate stop or included in the Cornet. His mixtures are fifth-sounding compounds. Cavaille-Coll also introduced the $4\frac{4}{7}'$ Septieme or flat-21st in the Pedal, and at $2\frac{2}{7}'$ and $1\frac{1}{7}'$ on the manuals.

In some modern English organs, particularly by Harrison & Harrison, a compound stop called Harmonics employs the seventh, and one American builder has also employed the

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ninth, as well as the tierce and quint. I experimented with this type of mixture (in the Atlantic City Highschool in 1925 and Convention Hall in 1930) but I found by experience that these ranks set up unfavorable resultants, and even when most expertly handled they refuse to coalesce in the ensemble, producing harsh unmusical resultants that obscure the pitch-line. It is evident that while these harmonics are naturally present in an organ pipe, artificial reinforcement of them is not indicated or desirable. In St. Mark's, Philadelphia, I inserted a Septieme in the seven-rank Cornet. Recently that set came into my possession and I converted the $2\frac{2}{7}'$ pipe into a $1\frac{3}{5}'$ Tierce with most excellent results.

For the present at least it were better that stunt mixtures be eliminated from organ design in favor of well-tryed and established compositions. It should be remembered that fifth- and third-sounding intervals, such as are found in all mixtures, do set up resultant tones of graver pitch than the pipes in the mixture. Hence a mixture, in addition to its usual function of harmonic reinforcement and balance, provides independent foundation tones at 16-8-4 and thus deepens the chorus.

The revival of mixtures on a large scale can be attributed to Cavaille-Coll whose fine organs built in the middle of the nineteenth century set a new standard in organ design. Typical of his design for a normal Great are the Fourniture and Cymbel; there would also be a five-rank Cornet.

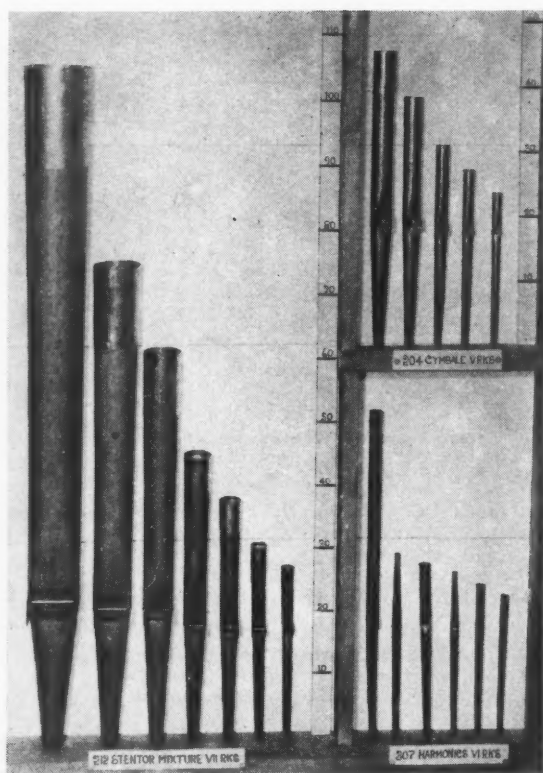
Fourniture by Cavaille-Coll

1-17: 15-19-22-26-29
18-29: 8-12-15-19-22
30-41: 1- 5- 8-12-15
42- : 8- 5- 1- 5- 8

Cymbel by Cavaille-Coll

1-12: 26-29-33-36
13-17: 22-26-29-33
18-24: 19-22-26-29
25-29: 15-19-22-26
30-36: 12-15-19-22
37-41: 8-12-15-19
42- : 5- 8-12-15

These examples are particularly interesting because they



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show the beginning of a modern tendency to break into the sub-unison harmonics in the treble, supporting the 16' sub-foundation rather than the unison, and also to employ a greater number of breaks. This tendency has proceeded to greater lengths in modern German work and has now appeared in America, so that the newest mixtures, particularly Cymbels, are appearing with breaks at half octaves, dropping as much as five octaves in pitch.

The reason for increasing the breaks in the mixture is not so much the original reason advanced, to the effect that the smaller pipes cannot be carried up the keyboard, but because of the more fundamental reason inherent in the unison-pitched pipe. In a unison Diapason or Principal, the development of the harmonics is weakest in the lower octave. The harmonic development proceeds progressively through the second and third octaves, and then becomes quite rich in natural harmonics. Above this point there is an apparent tendency for the harmonic development to fall off in the unison rank. I say apparent, not because the harmonic development is not actually in the pipe, but because the high frequency of these harmonics tend to pass them out of the range of hearing. Since they are thus no longer heard, the tones become less characteristic, and paler in color.

The frequency-range of hearing for a person in middle life is commonly given as from about 30 to 8000 cycles, although many people can distinguish sounds up to frequency of 15,000 cycles or more. The average radio receiver does not reproduce sounds having a higher frequency than 5000 cycles, although newer sets employing f.m. will go considerably higher. Hence it may be taken that as a general average 12,000 cycles is about the limit of average hearing. In the case of 1' c2 in an organ pipe of the Diapason class, the upper spectrum of the harmonics has already reached the 14,000-cycle level and is not heard. As soon as the upper-partials are not heard, the sound appears to be more fluty to the ear.

Applying this phenomenon to the mixture, it becomes apparent that the important and particularly the higher but feeble harmonics of the lower octave of a Diapason can be profitably reenforced so that the weakest harmonics will be strengthened and an impression of greater brilliance given to the pipe. As we progress up the keyboard, with the greater harmonic development in the unison just mentioned, it no longer becomes necessary to reenforce the higher harmonics. We therefore drop downward and reenforce the lower spectrum of harmonics of the parent rank. Then as we get into the region of the middle of the keyboard we must again drop to a lower level because the harmonics of the parent rank that we are seeking to reenforce have again passed beyond the range of hearing; and in the upper range of the keyboard it becomes more profitable to reenforce the 16' sub-foundation than the unison. In other words, the tendency now is to treat each pipe in the unison rank individually, and to reenforce it harmonically where such artificial additions will do the most good and where the harmonics in the mixture pipes, substituting for the now inaudible harmonics of the parent pipe, can be heard.

I may add that there is another musical reason to justify the greater number of breaks. In playing contrapuntal music, such a mixture tends to separate and keep distinct the various contrapuntal lines. For illustration, the Cymbel on the Harvard Museum organ has numerous breaks. When this Cymbel is drawn with the unisons and Mr. Biggs is playing in two-part, both lines can be distinctly heard—and the impression is that he is playing on two different manuals.

Another reason for breaking the mixtures to a point where they drop below the unison harmonics is to broaden and reenforce the treble. It has long been noted that the treble section of the organ is weaker than the tenor or bass section. The old Dutch organbuilders tried to remedy this by doubling the number of treble pipes in each stop. Cavaille-Coll tried to remedy the defect by dividing his chests and increasing the wind-pressure in the treble. We are inclined to do it by using generally higher wind-pressures and larger scales in the treble.

By breaking the mixtures along modern lines we, in effect, adopt these older principles. We are actually doubling the main harmonic structure of the chorus and gaining the impression of greater strength and fulness in the treble. The general result is to raise the harmonic line in the bass and lower it in the treble. The reenforcement is leveled out so that both the bass and treble benefit where they are weakest.

At this point I correct another oft-repeated misstatement. Mixtures are not introduced into an organ as noise-making machines. Mixture opponents often claim that mixtures were originally devised to increase the power of the organ and that this now can be done by high-pressure reeds. As we have seen, this was not the real function of the mixture, nor were mixtures introduced for that reason. As a matter of fact, mixtures do not, excepting in rare instances, materially increase the dynamic level of the flue chorus. They do supply additional brilliance and this in turn creates an impression of power. The ear habitually associates brilliance in a musical tone with power. Thus, if we strike a piano key softly we do not get the same brilliance from the string as when the hammer hits it with considerable force. A trumpet is much more brilliant when fully blown. All orchestral instruments respond to this rule. Consequently a brilliant tone is always associated by the ear with a loud tone. So that when we draw a mixture with our flue chorus, the resultant brilliance gives this impression of increased power to the ear. That the power is not greatly increased can be easily proved. Watch the input-power meter on a radio broadcasting board. Draw a mixture, and practically nothing happens. But draw a high-pressure reed and the needle will oscillate widely. In this latter case there is a great increase in power because of the powerful fundamental tone in the reed.

Mixtures, to be most effective, should be voiced on the restrained side, and more of them employed. Just as we have

repudiated the fat-scaled hard-blown Diapason, so must we also reject the equally big-scaled and blatant mixture. Just as we find twenty-four first violins moderately played to be more effective in the orchestra than eight violins energetically bowed, so too must we increase the number of mixtures rather than place our reliance on one mixture of overwhelming power.

In this relation I am thinking of such examples as the Schulze five-rank mixture in the Armley organ. It has often been pointed to as an example of great power and brilliance. It is certainly all of that. The pipes are exactly the same scale as the unison Principal, have the same wide mouths, the same extraordinary winding; and, as has been mentioned, the third break, occurring at middle-C, is 1-5-8-12-15—nothing more than the doubling of the main flue chorus. This mixture in the almost cathedral-like proportion of the Armley church is absorbed into the chorus by its acoustical surroundings and does give a fine effect. I have often wondered how this mixture sounded in the wooden music-pavilion in the private residence for which the organ was originally built. It must have been an almost overwhelming shock of atomic proportions.

The suggestion that this type of mixture should be employed in American organs should be taken with much caution. I myself have reproduced this mixture on two occasions. The first was in St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia—having warned the music committee previously that it would be much too loud. Situated in the west-end organ, it almost blew the elderly ladies completely out of their seats in the rear pews. I recently rescued this mixture and, after recasting its composition into five breaks, used it as the top to a reed chorus in a 26-stop Swell Organ. I revoiced the whole thing on more moderate lines, softened the quints, and placed it in the rear of the Swell chamber where it successfully forms a brilliant top to a chorus of Willis-type reeds.

The second use of this mixture was in the vast Auditorium in Atlantic City. In this huge building it is of course quite at home, although still far from being subdued.

Mixtures then should be voiced so as to be under, rather than over the unisons they complement; and more than one mixture should be supplied to a chorus so as to present a broad front of multiple musical sound-sources so graduated, dynamically, that some of them will be suitable for mp and mf combinations as well as for full-organ. Next month we return to the original subject of the nomenclature of modern mixtures.

(To be continued)

Geraint Jones Recital

Brick Presbyterian, New York, Feb. 16, 1948

Under Bernard R. LaBerge Management, Mr. Jones made his New York debut on the rather large & rich Ernest M. Skinner organ in the Brick Presbyterian by courtesy of its organist Dr. Clarence Dickinson. The printed program was changed to this:

Gibbons, Fantasia in Four Parts
Bach, Come Now Savior
Bach, Toccata F
Haydn, Minuet C; Andantino F; Allegro C.
Mozart, Fantasia Fm
Franck, Prelude-Fugue-Variation
Denis Matthews, Soliloquy
Liszt, Prelude & Fugue on Bach

The recital began, not too loudly, with the solemn & solid Gibbons, which, while not of much musical interest, made an excellent introduction for a recital in a church. The choral-prelude followed along in quiet mood, with rich rather than harsh registration, and then the Toccata really opened the recital with its brilliance. Mr. Jones held somewhat to legato

style, with not too much fortissimo but with the solid type of organ body that prevailed here prior to the present over-use of upperwork; in the pedal cadenza he put on everything the organ could give, aiming at mass & power rather than clarity & brilliance. I liked it a lot; it was grand to once more hear real full-organ not ruined by modern ideas.

For real charm and unabashed entertainment, Haydn's Minuet was a gem, done as a dainty study in rhythm on fancy flute effects—in a way only the organ can do, though it so rarely gets the chance. Andantino followed in the same style, with registration to make it contrast; and Allegro was still a third in similar mood, again with contrasting registration. It would not surprise me if these were the first trio of pieces of real concert entertainment I've heard this season from the sober organ world.

Then Mozart and fff, and the violent contrast was quite all right. But in a piece titled Fantasia I would hardly treat a fugue section to serious registration; rather let fancy reign and use such fantastic tones as the 16' Fagotto or Bassoon—that's what they are for in an organ. The particular pieces by Mozart, Franck, and Liszt, all are rather worn out, but so well did Mr. Jones choose his colors that parts of the Franck were delightful, though the fugue is of no consequence and might be less boresome if taken pianissimo and fast; in the latter half the artist used a thick 8' flute that added real beauty by contrast. Once again strings accompanied a solo flute toward the end and made beauty for everybody.

Matthews' Soliloquy will be fine music for those with rich organs and a native feeling for the dreamy, ethereal, nebulous; Mr. Jones did well to introduce it, though he was not particularly in the mood for dreamy music, having so recently lost such disturbing things as his money and steamer-ticket. Liszt closed the recital in some grandly solid organ tones of a massive & thrilling structure we don't very often hear in these days.

All in all, it was an enjoyable recital marked by some real feeling, good contrasts between fortissimos and the infinitely more appealing pianissimos, and enough Tremulant, strings, celestes, & woodwinds to take the curse off the rigid frigid organ. I think Mr. Jones was trying to please Americans; he would have played even more charmingly had he tried instead to please only Mr. Jones. Anyway, thank heaven, his only excursion into the graveyard was the opening Gibbons and we can forgive him that.

I would like to see Mr. LaBerge bring Mr. Jones back here two years hence under a rigid contract not to play more than one piece by Bach on any one program, to play nothing whatever from any other German or any Frenchman, to play no music more than one hundred years old, and to have on each program at least three pieces of current English popular music, the rest of his program to be confined exclusively to British compositions such as Alfred Hollins' Allegretto Grazioso, Concert Rondo Bf, Intermezzo Df, Morceau de Concert E; and Bernard Johnson's Aubade, Caprice B, Elfentanz, Overture Csm, Pavane A, The Sigh & The Smile, Sonata di Camera; and any similarly entertaining music of high quality he can find by any other Britishers excepting Elgar. Mr. Jones plays for the radio. He presumably knows how to please audiences. I'd like to see some American audiences have just a little musical fun at an organ recital before I die. And I'd like to see that American hanged who stole Mr. Jones' money & ticket.—T.S.B.

SAYS GLENN DILLARD GUNN
In Musical Digest, New York

The most boring assignment in the music critic's calendar is a recital of Bach's music played on the so-called Bach or baroque organ. This not because of any dislike of or a lack of understanding for the art of Bach but because of the inadequacy of the instrument.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

AND REVIEWS

In which the members of the profession and industry speak for themselves through the record of their actions and thus provide food for thought on topics of current importance to the world of the organ.

Scolding—Soothing—Suggesting

No MAN should be allowed to have his own way too much. So let the readers snipe to their heart's content.

"One senses in the January issue the almost total demoralization of T.A.O. as well as the gloomy outlook for the future which you make clear on your Editorial page. If there is one thing which probably has alienated readers from T.A.O. (if such is the case, and it ought to be) it is the idiotic and ill-natured ravings of one T.S.B. on the Editorial page. I would suggest that you either secure a competent person to write the Editorial page, or discontinue it entirely." That from the northeast corner of the States. And this from Ohio:

"There are some of us here who still believe quite a wealth of organ music has been written since Bach's time. We could be accused of considering our customers. I agree with you that all too many attempts have been made at brother Handel's 'Messiah,' but the enclosed program provided a most interesting experience for me. The Church is Mennonite, not the long-whiskered type but rather progressive. Yet they use no musical instruments in their services. I wish I could describe the effect of hearing their chorus of 75 humming the opening bars of 'Comfort Ye.' All solo accompaniments were hummed by the chorus. To my ear, the lack of accompaniment enhanced the better choruses (as I consider them) and showed up the others as being hardly worth the time spent in preparing them. It was interesting to learn that they have no choir; the entire congregation sings. Their singing-leader told me they had used the 'Hallelujah Chorus' as one of their hymns that morning. Now wouldn't that startle some satisfied congregations we've known?" This from Mr. Wayne Frary, Wooster, Ohio. His program showed a Dec. 21, 1947, performance of Handel's "Messiah" in Oak Grove Church. The choruses listed as done, sans quotes: And the glory, O thou that tellest, For unto us, Pastoral Symphony (by the chorus), Glory to God, His yoke is easy, Behold the Lamb, Surely he hath borne, And with His stripes, All we like sheep, Lift up your heads, Let all the angels, Since by man, Worthy is the Lamb, Amen. Now, Dr. Pedalthumper, you go out and train your choir to sing all those in public without accompaniment. Thanks to Mr. Frary, but he shouldn't have agreed with T.A.O. in anything.

"Keep up the work on a proper presentation of advertising for electronic instruments. Those advertisements [not in T.A.O.] on the forthcoming instrument by — are the biggest joke of all. A glorified melodeon performs a miracle and becomes 'a cathedral organ.' Perhaps they will attach a nickel-slot on one end. We admire T.A.O. for insisting upon honest advertising and we hope you can influence the Guild to support your efforts." Thanks to Mr. Cannarsa of Hollidaysburg, Pa. Anyway we now have two manufacturers of electrotones who have thus far used entirely honest advertising—the Baldwin Piano Company and the Connsonata division of C. G. Conn Ltd. There are many cases where an electrotone could & should be recommended, for many varying reasons; it is up to the organ profession to remember the Baldwin and Connsonata, and recommend them to purchasers as strongly as these instruments merit. Such recommendations will be the most practical way for the organ

world to fight the false advertising claims of the other manufacturers.

"I am going to blow off steam now. There are many of us organists who are capable of giving recitals, and who really need that incentive. But practically never have the opportunity. While a student in Peabody it was found that I could give the so-called successful recital. With Virgil Fox as a teacher, I was all but talked into the concert field. However, practical reasons kept me from losing my head in that direction. I have to earn a living, and just at the right moment Virgil goes into the army and leaves me his job for duration. I enjoy the 4m and opportunities for recitals. Then Virgil comes back and I take the first job I can find.

"I love my work here and I do not long for the New York-sized job or the concert career. But my organ provides no incentive for recitals and I feel that if there is nothing in that line for which to work, I'll soon become just plain dissatisfied. If there were two recitals, say, on good organs out of town of which I could be assured each year, I'd be happy. There must be others beside myself who would be willing to play for expenses, just to keep up self-assurance and for the kick one gets from giving recitals. And we aren't all lucky enough to have Ernest White behind us, providing us with opportunities, such as my good friends Marie Schumacher and Edward Linzel. And why, for instance, is Edgar Hilliar

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heard so seldom in recital? Does his name ever appear on the recital lists at N. Y. regional conventions, etc.? That boy can really play and he doesn't need someone constantly telling him how either. Why don't the New York organists take notice of someone like Hilliar in their midst?

"If some organization could be formed among the talented but more-or-less unknown organists (and those not especially interested in a profit) so that more recitals could be heard, I bet there'd be a lot of good playing that otherwise never comes to public attention." We know this lady but we're not telling anyone who she is. She has a thorough education; she can deliver the goods. She has won scholarships. She knows what the score is & she's not afraid to speak her mind. If organists liked to hear other organists play (instead of only themselves) her plan would be worth undertaking.

But we must first decide whether the recitals are to be given for the profession or for the public. Or we might do both; have one set of recitals strictly private for the members of the music professions only, the other set public for the benefit of laymen—who like tunes & rhythms & harmonies and don't give a continental about such atrocities as modernists & fugues & choral preludes.

The more I think of this, the better I like it. Possibly some organists somewhere will inaugurate the idea. Even if a smaller group of only a dozen organists in any community were of the same mind, the plan would be feasible and beneficial in the extreme. They could rotate the recitals among them and play with confidence, not disappointment, when the audience numbered only a dozen, for that would be all the audience expected anyway. No discussions, no criticisms; just friendly acceptance of the music as played. It would develop confidence, style. After a few trial years, possibly the group would be ready for a program of outright entertainment for the public at large, the event to be boosted publicly in the Sunday announcements from every pulpit represented by every organist in the group.

As things stand now, the average public never hears any attractive organ music; only church stuff. The organ is the greatest of all concert instruments, yet it never asserts itself. This lady has an idea that's worth doing something about. —T.S.B.



No. 5: Transcriptions

By ROWLAND W. DUNHAM

Associate Editor, Church Department

MUSICAL purists are firm in their insistence that any piece of music must be performed only in the manner prescribed by the composer. Transcriptions of any kind are anathema. Extreme leftists in the matter of transcriptions devise and accept any kind of an arrangement of any composition that may suit their fancy. The middle ground is carefully maintained by serious musicians generally.

Of the eminent figures in the field of creative music few have entirely abjured this practise. The organ arrangements of the Vivaldi violin pieces by J. S. Bach come immediately to mind. These are definitely free transcriptions containing the skeleton of Vivaldi and the sure hand of the Master in their final realization. Certainly the orchestration by Mozart of Handel's "Messiah" can find little objection. Although Liszt's numerous piano transcriptions of all sorts of things from the nine Symphonies of Beethoven to the "Quartet" from "Rigoletto" are regarded as having outlived their usefulness, they were performed all over Europe in their day. Debussy did not hesitate to make over Satie's "Gymnopédies" for orchestra.



MAKE IT BEAUTIFUL: No. 2

How barren this church would be without the ornamentation of its organ, a 375 Wirching of 1922, stoplist and undoubtedly case also by George Ashdown Audley, in St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Geneva, N.Y.

Dance-bands have exploited many serious pieces in a jazzed-up version, much to the annoyance of long-haired musicians. All sorts of arrangements of a surprisingly diverse repertory have been heard by millions for the first time in these variations. Works like the Tchaikovsky and the Grieg piano concertos, songs by Schubert, Tchaikovsky, and Mozart's early piano Sonata in C are cases in point. Objections to this practise can well be countered by the advantages of familiarizing the uninitiated with such compositions in their distorted version, thus preparing the way for a totally different reaction when they are heard in a proper performance. Anyway entertainment and art music have different objectives.

Should we bar completely any arrangement from public hearing we would eliminate a sizable portion of the currently used literature. The Well-Tempered Clavichord, Suites and Partitas of Bach and Handel, nearly everything by Scarlatti, Couperin, Rameau, all of these were written for the harpsichord or clavichord, an instrument not at all like the piano. It might be revealing to many a professional to hear fugues on such an instrument where, instead of having each entrance of the subject thumped out to the relative extinction of the equally important counterpoint, the texture would be maintained without such exaggeration. All the so-called piano music before Beethoven's Op. 106 would then disappear, except under special conditions. This includes all the concertos of Bach, Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven.

It seems to me the use of transcriptions must be guided by appropriateness and taste. To use such music we must be sure the revision has not destroyed the intent of the composer, that the occasion and the performance are proper.

Appropriateness is largely a matter of thoughtful consideration. There are several common practises that disturb me not a little. One is the use of music of religious connotations in a secular concert. At a dinner last winter I voiced



MAKE IT BEAUTIFUL: No. 3
as did the Reformed Church in Port Richmond, New York City, when the new 2-22 Austin was installed in 1929; even though of the simplest design these organ cases speak with an eloquence that can't be denied.

my disapproval of pianists' playing Bach Choralpreludes in recital. Instantly a fellow-guest Claudio Arrau, the famous pianist, agreed with me. Just the previous night there had been a similar concurrence from Stanley Chapple. These arrangements, usually by the often bombastic Busoni, constitute a usual inclusion in programs by such virtuosos as Horowitz, for example. The adaptations for modern orchestra of organ works of Bach by Leopold Stokowski are stigmatized by many musicians as commercialized exploitations. These same critics accept with enthusiasm the several adaptations of Bach's organ music by Schoenberg. The effectiveness of any organ music transcribed for piano (either solo or duo) is decidedly questionable to me. The so-called "symphonic band" finds itself almost devoid of decent repertory without resorting to a large proportion of music written for other media. Too much has been said about the adapting of secular music for church choirs to need further comment here.

Good taste in selecting music that has been transcribed is obviously dependent upon a sound musicianship and comprehensive background. Organists formerly indulged in much of this sort of music, some good, some definitely bad. There is music which is improved by an instrument like the organ with its peculiar ability to prolong notes. Some Mozart is thus improved despite the popular notion that his music must be fragile and delicate in interpretation. The most conspicuous transcriber of the last century for organ was the great Englishman W. T. Best. His tremendous contribution in this field is nowadays laughed off as hopelessly out-of-date. Nevertheless there are many of these creations which still are as effective and tasteful, to say nothing of the skillfulness of the workmanship, as they were on the tracker-action organs of Best's era.

In the selection and use of transcriptions my advice would be this: After making sure it is really first-class music to begin with, the two principles involved must always be Appropriateness and Taste; the first regarding the suitability of the occasion for any particular work, the second concerning the musical justification of transplanting a composition from its original form to that of another instrument. If our judgment in both matters is sound and our motives sincere, we need have no qualms about the result or fear of adverse criticism.—R.W.D.

WALTER BAKER'S TWO BACH PIECES

Recordings reviewed by Charles van Bronkhorst

If you are fortunate enough—and wealthy enough—to own one of the modern high-fidelity phonographs, you will certainly want the new Walter Baker recording of Bach's Fugue a la Gigue and Erbarm' Dick Mein O Herre Gott; one 12" vinylite record, 0-1001, \$3.00 including tax and postage, available only from the Adelphia Record Co., 510 East Wynnewood Road, Wynnewood, Pa. Recorded flat out to 11,000 cycles "for the best reproducing machines" and released in a limited edition of 500 disks "to insure the best in fidelity," this record is the first in a new series of high-fidelity organ recordings.

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NOT TOO LATE TO REMEMBER

"Socialism does not and can not permit economic liberty, and therefore in fact it must ultimately cease to permit any other important kind of liberty."—Henry Hazlitt, in *Will Dollars Save the World*.

HOW DO WE DARE?

By Ruth Douglass

Director of Music of Mount Holyoke College

The meagre literature on choral-conducting records a uniformly familiar list of qualifications for those who aspire to that curious art. It omits one, however, without which such aspirants may be either flabby time-beaters or irritating dictators: the quality of Presumptuous Audacity balanced by consummate humility.

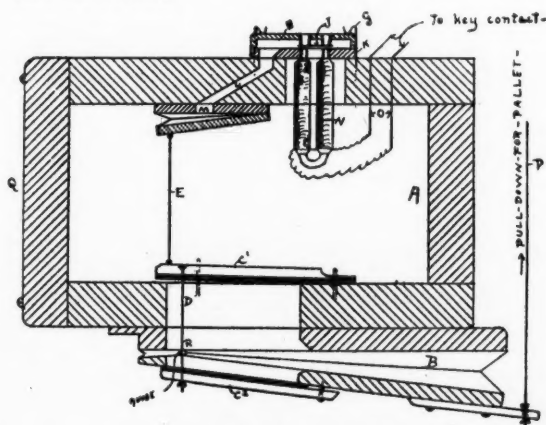
Without presumptuous audacity in the first place, how can one individual believe in his power to mold his heterogeneous fellows into a homogeneous group harmony? A conductor must handle people wisely with some sort of mystical magnetism, if the group is to cohere. How does he dare assume that *he* can command the respect, the subvience, the loyalty of his following? How humbly must he face the responsibility of such a relationship! How humbly must he frankly admit his clumsy ineptness in dealing with personalities! How perceptive must he be of individual variations!

What is it but presumptuous audacity that justifies a choirmaster in presenting an amateur group weekly before the public, with but one short hour of rehearsal, when he knows that no individual artist of seasoned technical competence would attempt the same feat with the same scanty amount of practise? Yet with humble awareness of the utter inadequacy of the preparation, he boldly continues to produce, striving to make each precious moment progressively creative, fully realizing that he will be ever unsatisfied with the result.

It takes audacity to set himself up as The authority on style before a group. Yet certainly the conductor must do so, if he is to *lead*. With what humility, however, must he study the score and its traditions in private!

The conductor with presumptuous audacity alone is a despicable egotist—not loved. He with consummate humility alone is a weakling—not respected. The development of ensemble, "togetherness" from miscellaneous individuals, the authoritative presentation of choral literature with inadequate preparation which affronts the director's artistic integrity, the possession of the energy to unify people and the sensitivity to understand them, all these center in a dynamic focus before whose implications every mere human must bow.

How do we dare?



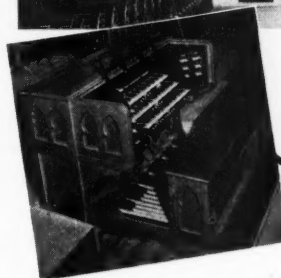
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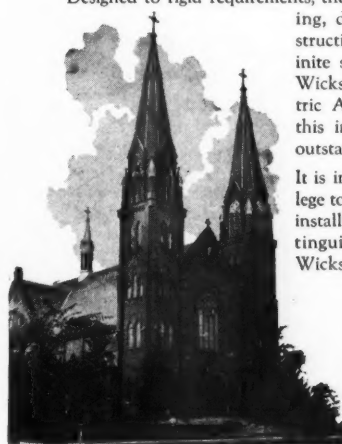
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DEGOATING THAT VOX

Irreverently proposed by Joseph S. Whiteford

This might interest those who have Vox Humanas and don't like them because they're so nanny-goat like. It is possible to improve them considerably by taking off the cap (if so equipped) and stuffing it with about $\frac{3}{4}$ " of absorbent cotton (sterilized, if you play a baroque that ancient Miss Gotrocks gave the church, in which she insisted on having a Vox, Harp, & Chimes so you could play Lemare's you-know-what). Make sure it is one piece and extends to the sides of the cap so that when you replace it the top of the resonator will pinch the cotton and prevent its falling into the pipe.

Since it does not affect the accoustical length of the pipe,

OR MAKE IT HOMELY

and have no organ-case at all, not even a simple one, as did the Port Richmond Reformed in the good old dark ages when the front looked exactly like this horrible example of what a church should never be.

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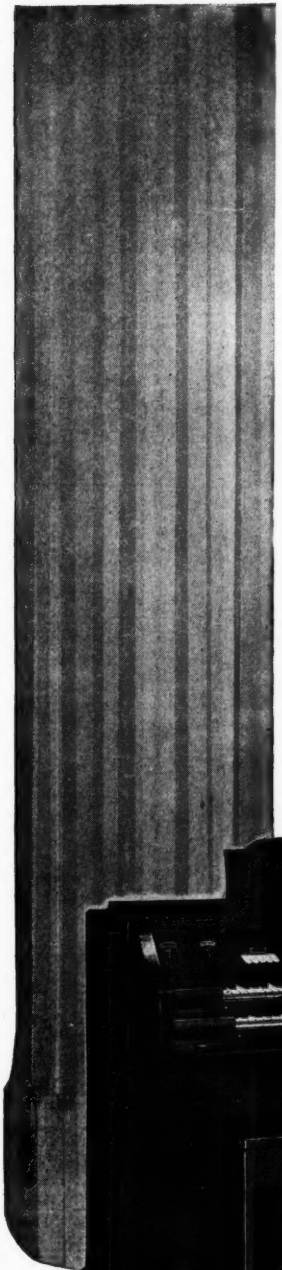
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EVENTS FORECAST

for the coming weeks

Nothing is gained by reporting an event after it has taken place; it is then too late for readers to attend. Column closes the 14th of the month.

Chicago: Van Dusen Club presents three M.Mus.-candidate recitals March 22, April 12, 26, in the American Conservatory; sponsors a recital by Dr. Edward Eigenschen in Kimball Hall May 12.

Cleveland: Edwin Arthur Kraft recital, Trinity Cathedral, April 4, 4:00.

Mt. Vernon, Iowa: Cornell College presents a festival of "50 years of musical life of American west of the Mississippi," May 6 to 8.

New York: Calvary Episcopal series, John Cartwright recital March 14, 8:00; Bach's "St. John Passion" March 21, 8:00.

Do.: Vernon de Tar recital, Church of Ascension, March 15, 8:30; Faure's "Requiem" and Palestrina's "Stabat Mater," March 21, 8:00.

Do.: Virgil Fox & Richard Weagly in special Guild service, Riverside Church, March 15, 8:15.

Do.: Willard Irving Nevins, Bach's St. Matthew, "First Presbyterian, March 21, 8:00; Handel's "Messiah," March 28, 8:00.

Do.: Oratorio Society, Bach's "B-Minor Mass," complete, Carnegie Hall, March 23, 8:15.

Norfolk, Conn.: Yale's Music School sessions, June 28 to Aug. 6.

Wilmington, Del.: N. Lindsay Norden, Dubois "Seven Last Words," Hanover Presbyterian, March 7, 4:00.

WALTER BLODGETT
Museum of Art, Cleveland
March 10, 8:15

*Reger, Int. & Passacaglia
Boughten, Prelude on a Bach Song
Bach, Be Thou Welcome
Krebs, Prelude & Fugue C
Sowerby, Madrigal
Hindemith's Sonata 2
Dupre, Toccata Ave Maris Stella
March 7, 14, 21, 28, 5:15.

*Bach, Be Thou Welcome
Sowerby, Madrigal
Dupre, Toccata Ave Maris Stella
Mr. Blodgett plays this same program each Sunday of the month.

JAMES S. CONSTANTINE
St. Paul's Episcopal, Charlottesville
March 14, 5:00

Walther, Jesus My Joy
Bach, O Lamb of God
Reger, Ein Feste Burg
Shepherd, Garden Hymn Fantasia
Sowerby, King's Majesty Prelude
Mr. Constantine's choir will sing a stanza of the Chorale or hymn before the playing of each number.

MAURICE GARABRANT
Cathedral, Garden City, N.Y.
March 14, 21, 4:00.

*Andriesson, Chorale I
Rowley, Pavane
Noble, Dundee Prelude

Saint-Saens, Evening Bells
Bossi, Alleluia Finale
*Jongen, Marche Religieuse
Couperin, Soeur Monique
Bach, O Sacred Head
Hark a Voice Saith
Franck, Piece Heroique

JOSEPH HOFRICHTER
A. & M. College, Stillwater, Okla.
March 18, 8:15

Krebs, Two Preludes (trumpet & organ)
DeLamarter, Gothic Prelude
Bach, Passacaglia
Mozart, Sonata 14 (organ and instruments)
Sowerby, Poem (viola & organ)
Dupre, Poeme Heroique (brass & organ)
Widor, 5: Toccata
Weaver, Exultation (organ & piano)
Assisting are viola, piano, 3 trumpets, 3 trombones, drum, and chamber orchestra.

J. HERBERT SPRINGER
St. Matthew's Lutheran, Hanover
March 21, 3:00

Handel, Occasional: Overture
Reger, Melodia; Consolation;
Int. & Passacaglia.

Rheinberger's Sonata Am*
Clokey, Legend
Franck, Finale Bf

DR. ELMER A. TIDMARSH
Union College, Schenectady
March 14, 4:00
Dupre, Cortege et Litanie

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Obituaries

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MRS. CARRIE S. KELLOGG
died Feb. 16 at the age of 80. In addition
to her long interest in the organ world she
was a doctor on the staff of Battle Creek
Sanitarium for 17 years and was the wife
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died Feb. 9 in Indianapolis. He was born
Nov. 18, 1861, in Greencastle, Ind., studied
pharmacy and attained both fame and wealth
in that realm. In his youth he had so en-
joyed the songs of Stephen Foster that he
devoted himself to a vast collection of Foster
songs and other materials about the com-
poser, and donated this Foster Hall Collec-
tion to the University of Pittsburgh. He is
survived by his widow and two sons.

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another organist. To drown his sorrows he
took to drink, heartily. How better to
celebrate than ring the bells? So ring the
bells he did. With the "Doxology"? That
would not be appropriate, so he played "The
St. Louis Blues." Such should not be, thought
the cop; dashing into the church he carried
the organist off to the courts. Verdict? A
year's probation for intoxication. These
tower bells had better be played only when
one is sober. (No, we won't tell on him.)

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was presented for a three-day inspection in
early February in New York City. A com-
plete description of the instrument will
ultimately be presented in these pages.

CANTATAS & ORATORIOS
Walford Davies' "Everyman" was done by
Dr. Clarence Dickinson, Brick Presbyterian,
New York, March 7; his other Lenten
cantatas were Bach's "St. Matthew," Mendels-
sohn's "Elijah," Parker's "Hora Novissima,"
Stainer's "Crucifixion," Verdi's "Requiem."
Debussy's "Prodigal Son," Paul Terry,
Cathedral Church of John, Wilmington, Del.,
Feb. 19, "performed as originally intended
by the Composer," the choristers singing be-
hind a curtain, "the action portrayed in
pantomime in front of the curtain."

Faure's "Requiem," Virgil Fox & Richard
Weagley, Riverside Church, New York,
March 14;

by Charlotte Garden, Crescent Avenue
Presbyterian, Plainfield, N.J., Feb. 29;

and by Dr. Hugh Porter, School of Sacred
Music, New York, Feb. 24.

Francis Poulenc's "Mass" in G, the Rev.
Hugh Giles, Central Presbyterian, New York,
Feb. 8.

Bernard Roger's "Raising of Lazarus,"
Messrs. Fox & Weagley, March 28.

Martin Shaw's "The Redeemer," Hans
Vigeland, First Presbyterian, Englewood,
N.J., Feb. 22.

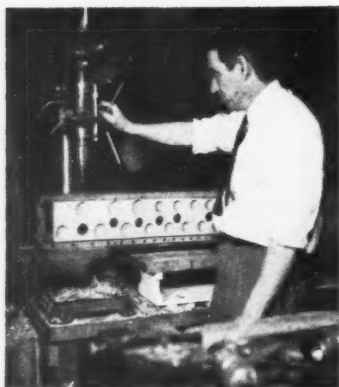
Charles A. Sheldon's "Centennial Cantata,"
Mr. Sheldon, First Presbyterian, Atlanta, Ga.,
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to celebrate his Church's first century. "Dr.
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with 'In the beginning,' includes even the
humming of the Negro janitor, and ends in a
modernistic vein."

Sowerby's "Forsaken of Men," Harold
Friedell, St. Bartholomew's, New York,
March 17;

Dr. Sowerby, St. James Episcopal, Chicago,
March 23.

Wagner-Garden, "Eucharist Music," Char-
lotte Garden, March 9.

R. V. Williams' "Five Mystical Songs,"
Messrs. Fox & Weagley, March 7.



COMPOSER AT WORK

Believe it or not, this man has of late produced some organ compositions of superior quality; only here he is not writing a sonata but building an organ for his home. It's Jean Pasquet of Garden City, Long Island, and he has set up a fairly complete wood-working shop in his home. It will be a four-manual and he already has most of the pipework. That thing he's working on is the Violin Diapason chest showing the pouch-board; he is shown drilling holes for the magnets to exhaust the pouches.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

The First Congregational, Columbus, Ohio, Donald D. Ketting organist, gives some figures in its Nov. 30 calendar. If your income is \$5,000, a year and you give the church \$200, it costs you only \$150, because the politicians will take it if you don't give it to an accepted charity. If you earn \$10,000, and give \$500, it costs you only \$325. If \$15,000, and you give \$750, your actual cost is \$450. And if, lovely thought, your salary is \$25,000, and you give the church \$1,500, it costs you only \$600.

REPORT-CARD METHOD

G. Russell Wing, First Congregational, La Grange, Ill., has devised a 3½x6 report-card to keep his younger choristers, and their parents, informed of their status & conduct through each of the three semesters from the first weeks of Sept. to Dec., Dec to March, March to June. First side of the card gives chorister's name & choir, rehearsals held, ditto attended, services held, ditto attended, and percentage of attendance; cooperation; effort; and special credits—Thursday rehearsals attended, new-member credit. The back of the card explains the system of marking and gives spaces for the signature of the parent, one space for each of the three semesters. Mr. Wing promises a later report on the use of the new system. At the beginning of 1948 he had an adult chorus of 15s-10c-6t-8b; highschool choir of 17s-11c-3t-10b; intermediate choir of 15 boys and girls; junior choir of 37; primary 31. All this makes an increase of 30 choristers since last June.

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There were four Bach programs and one each of 18th century, French, English, Messiaen.

Some of the Programs

*Reubke's Sonata
Brahms, Two Choralpreludes
*Vierne, 1: Prelude; 2: Scherzo.
Widor, Gothic: Andante Sostenuto
Mulet, Noel
Widor, 6: Allegro
*Willan, Int.-Passacaglia-Fugue
Zechiel, Three Choralpreludes
*Durufle's Suite
Honegger, Choral
*Hindemith's Sonata 1
Franck, Prelude-Fugue-Variation
Farnam, Toccata
*Franck, Grande Piece
Boellmann, Ronde Francaise
*Franck, Chorale Bm
Langstroth, Two Choralpreludes
Brunswick, Old Year Hath Passed
Elmore, Rhumba

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The Guild presented the program in Congregation Emanu-El, New York; forces were violin, cello, 2 oboes, 2 flutes, 2 sopranos, alto, tenor, bass, piano. Numbers refer to cantatas.

a-t-v-c-p. 66: Ich fuerchte nicht
s-f-f-c. Mass: Qui tollis
t-c-p. 76: Hasse mich
b-f-v-c-p. 157: Ja ich halte
s-a-o-o-c-p. 23: Du wahrer Gott
a-v-c-p. 132: Christi Glieder
s-o-o-c-p. 97: Ihm hab' ich mich
s-o-f-f-c-p. 127: Die Seele ruht
b-f-c-p. 123: Lass o Welt
s-t-c-p. 110: Ehre sei Gott

"It was another of those delightful experiences which come along now & then; great depth of musical import, and technical perfection," said S. Lewis Elmer.

N.A.S.M.

National Association of Schools of Music in its 24th annual convention, in Boston changed five schools from associate to full membership, added one more to full mem-

bership, and eight to associate; Westminster Choir College was one of the two approved for graduate instruction. Officers elected include D. M. Swarthout president, Rowland W. Dunham one of the four vicepresidents.

USING THE CALENDAR

Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville, uses a 4-page printed calendar, and one of those four pages is taken by Jack Edwin Rogers, successor to Ernest A. Simon (now organist-emeritus) to talk to his congregation about the music of the services, dealing with all phases of the Cathedral's music, with notes about anything & everything that should interest the congregation. Many churches give their organists a small corner of the calendar for his use; this is the only church known to T.A.O. that gives its organist a whole page every week. Another idea of possible use to other organists: Christmas eve Mr. Rogers took his choir of boys & men to the Pendennis Club grill room & main dining-room and sang Christmas carols." The Cathedral devotes 13% of its total budget to its music. Hurray.

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Our thanks to Jerome B. Meyer & Sons for the photo of the three generations of Meyers in the factory in Milwaukee where organ pipes are made for the trade. Jerome B. Meyer, founder of the business, was born on a Jan. 26 in Ammerschweier, Alsace-Lorraine, came to America in his youth; he became a citizen in 1893 and the next year was foreman of the pipe department of the Barckoff Co. For 14 years he was with Lyon-Healy in the same capacity, and then in 1906 he founded his own business of making pipes for the trade, in which capacity he has served builders in all sections of the nation.

His father was an organbuilder in Ammerschweier, and when Mr. Meyer paid a visit to his home-town in 1923 he assisted the organbuilder, Joseph Rinkenbach, in converting to electric action. In his youth he played cornet and alto in various bands and did some playing in orchestra. He has always been active in church work, taught Sunday-school for almost half a century, was chief usher in Trinity Methodist for over a third of a century, and has served as trustee and on the official board. In addition to making pipes for the music department of organs, the Meyer plant also specializes in making pipes for cases.

His son, Charles Theodore Meyer, was born in Chicago, had his schooling in Milwaukee, served as a pipemaker for Aeolian-Skinner and Wicks, and is now foreman in his father's factory. And, as our photo shows, the third generation is represented by C. T. Meyer, Jr., who served with the navy 32 months, chiefly in the Pacific, and is now an apprentice with his grandfather's organization. Which is one of the satisfactions of the organbuilding world, when the tastes & ideals of the father carry on down, as in this case, to the fourth generation.

BALDWIN-WALLACE
College, Berea, Ohio, presented its Opera Workshop March 5 in two one-act comic operas, by Mozart and Pergolesi.

ATLANTA INSTITUTE
John Milton Kelly directed a church-music institute in Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 4 to 8. A special musicale was given by the participants and it was recorded and heard by them in re-broadcasts.

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now on tour of the 48 states or part thereof had reached Arizona by the end of February and was headed for Los Angeles. The Goldsworthys are due to return to New York early in the summer.

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A. W. BINDER'S

Lament in Memory of the Defenders of the Warsaw Ghetto had its first performance Feb. 15 in Kaufmann Auditorium, New York, in the fourth members' concert of the Y.M. & Y.W. Hebrew Association.

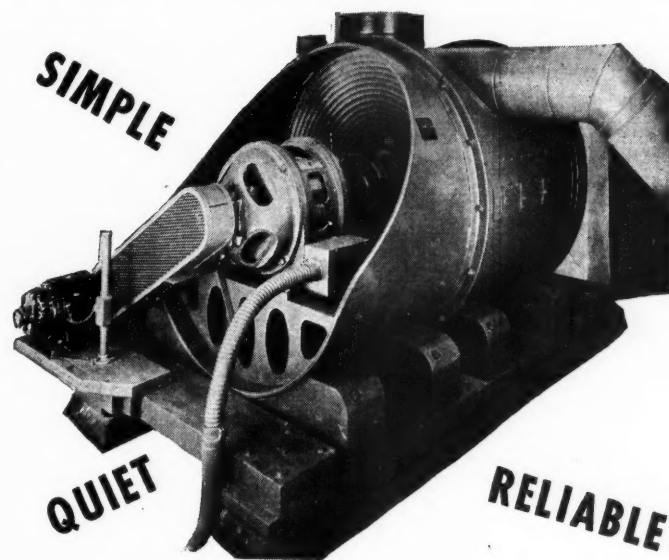
CHARLES HENDERSON

directed the Singers' Guild of Scranton in a program of Bach cantatas Feb. 1 & 2 in Wilkes-Barre and Scranton, Pa. Originally planned as testimonial concerts, they were changed to memorial concerts on the death of Paul Gies on Jan. 29; Mr. Gies was the founder of the Bach Choruses of the two cities. Cantatas were "Praise Our God" and "Watching Praying," with the solo-cantata "My Life is Filled." An ensemble of 18 instruments furnished the accompaniments.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hans Steinmeyer, the latter a native of Ohio, in the Steinmeyer garden, Oettingen, Germany; photo by the lieutenant Edwin D. Northrup. What the Germans planned to do to Mr. Steinmeyer was plenty, but the Americans & British started doing things too soon, so the Steinmeyers and their home and factory escaped. Mr. Steinmeyer, builder of some of Germany's largest organs, spent several years working in an organ factory in America.

CHURCH MUSIC

was the subject of a two-day conference in the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Jan. 23-4, two organists on the faculty. In addition to the subjects universally discussed at such times, there were talks on necessary mechanics of a church choir, treatment of a choir as a part of the service, budget, important organ compositions for the church year, improvising on hymn tunes, directing the choir from the organ-bench.

A.S.C.A.P.

The Theater Owners of America has signed a new 10-year contract with AsCap, after five months of negotiation, displacing the scale in use since 1934. The scale gives AsCap annual fees of 10c a seat for small theaters, 25c a seat for houses seating 1500 or more. Thus small houses will pay \$45.00 a year for the privilege of using copyright music if they have 450 seats, and a theater having 2000 seats will pay \$500.00 a year, an increase of \$100. Not bad, is it? Before AsCap, the poor composers & publishers got nothing but the purchase price of the sheets of music.

HOORAY FOR INFLATION

"President signs bill raising G.I. benefits" by ten, fifteen, and thirty dollars a month for the various classes. A high-pressure labor-union in Cleveland forced their own wages up to \$98.80 for 37 1/2 hours a week in daytime, \$103.80 for 35 hours a week night-work. Postmaster general in Washington "urges rise in mail rates." "State increases legislators' pay" \$2,500. a year each in Tom Dewey's Albany. Atta boy! Everybody now, up with costs, up, up, up. Let all the Me-First gangs make life the more wretched for everybody else. Then we can have that crash and all start over again, this time possibly on a basis of common sense instead of greed.

CLOKEY'S PARTITA

was performed Feb. 15 by the Battle Creek Symphony, Roger Parkes conducting, Paul H. Eickmeyer organist.

AN ALLEN ELECTROTONE

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AMERICAN COMPOSERS

On programs of major orchestras

The National Music Council Inc., 338 West 89th St., New York 24, N.Y., has issued its 8th annual survey of the programs of major American orchestras with special emphasis on their performances of works by American composers during the 1946-7 season. The 25 orchestras with seasonal budgets of \$100,000. or over were studied and the complete report is available at 6 cents.

Total works performed numbered 1968 of which only 152 were by American-born composers; "the percentage fell off to a lower point than any previous season except that of 1940-41." T.A.O. says this may be due in part to the outrageous type of "music" so many current Americans try to write; it may be astonishing but it is neither beautiful nor interesting—but the very same must be said also of current compositions imported from America's adored Europe.

During the 1945-6 season American composers rated 9.2% and numbered 69; in 1946-7 they rated 7.7% and numbered 61. Among them, of special interest in the organ world, were Chadwick, Foote, Howard Hanson, MacDowell, Frances McColin, Harl McDonald, Carl McKinley.

We list the orchestras here in the order of their use of music by native-born Americans, the first figure giving the percentage of American-born works compared to the total works played; the next figure gives the

number of works by American-born composers; next includes also works by foreign-born composers naturalized or merely making their living here; and the final figure shows the total number of works performed during the season.

Indianapolis—17.3%-10-12-58

Columbus—16.7%-7-9-42

Oklahoma—15.9%-11-15-69

Cleveland—14.9%-10-19-67

Denver—13.4%-9-14-67

Rochester—12.8%-6-7-47

Los Angeles—10.8%-7-12-65

Pittsburgh—10.3%-15-25-145

And since the rest of them fell from a maximum of 8.9% to a minimum of 2.2% they're hardly worth listing, but we name the most famous of them and give their records.

Philadelphia—6.7%-7-20-104

New York—5.4%-8-17-149

Detroit—4.8%-4-7-84

Chicago—4.4%-6-15-137

Boston—3.7%-3-12-82

Baltimore—2.2%-2-5-89

American dollars are splendid for all these conductors, but American music in their estimation is something else again. If they discriminated also against the atrocities written by foreigners we would not blame them for similar discrimination against what we fear all too often are atrocities written by Americans. But they don't. Americans get the gate. They get the dollars—more than one of them could get in any foreign country. All hail the National Music Council for publishing the facts.

DR. ROBERT GRISWOLD

of Heinz Memorial Chapel, Pittsburgh, has lost two fingers of his left hand, amputated after his hand was crushed in an accident.

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Artur Rodzinski and his Chicago Symphony have made a new recording of Strauss' Thus Spake Zarathustra, with the organ part played by Irwin Fischer on the Wurlitzer Orgatron, the electrotone invented by the late Albert Henschke and first manufactured by the Everett Piano Co.; Wurlitzer acquired it some few years ago.

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 "Praise my soul the King of heaven," a hymn sung as choir & clergy entered
 "Psalm 67," chanted as the bride & groom went to the high altar
 "We wait for Thy loving kindness," Dr. Wm. McKie, a motet composed for the occasion by Westminster Abbey's organist
 "The Lord's my Shepherd," a hymn sung to the tune "Crimond"
 "Amen," Gibbons, sung after the benediction
 "God save our gracious king," one stanza of the British national anthem
 "Blessed by the God and Father," Wesley, the anthem sung while the register was being signed in St. Edward's Chapel
 And that's the program outlined in the beautifully-printed 36-page booklet announcing in minute detail the full procedure of "the wedding of her royal highness Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten, R.N., Westminster Abbey, Nov. 20, 1947," in London. However, a newspaper report added Handel's Water Music and Hubert



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Parry's Bridal March as additional organ numbers.

Incidentally, Miss Soosie, the bride promised (which many American girls no longer do) to "obey him, and serve him," and all that, while the groom ignored obedience (even though she'll be queen some day) and promised only love, comfort, honor, and such.

SCHOOL OF SACRED MUSIC
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IVAN R. BECKWITH
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